

Instructions for Completing the Fall 2008 Indiana Wastewater Certification Exam Application Form

NEXT SCHEDULED EXAM
October 9, 2008

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Postmarked by Aug. 25, 2008

- Obtaining the Exam Application Form and Submitting Completed Application With Fee to IDEM
The exam application is available online at the IDEM website at:

<http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/47289.pdf>

At this time, applications are not available to be submitted electronically. Please print the application form, *complete all requested information*, and sign it. Mail the completed application and the \$30 examination fee along with all supporting documents *as early as possible, but no later than the postmark deadline*, to:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 N. Senate Ave– Mail Code 50-10C
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251

Applications postmarked after the deadline will only be considered for the next regularly scheduled exam.
Application forms may also be obtained directly from this office at any time.

- When Taking More Than One Exam
Please complete a separate application for each exam you wish to take. There is a \$30 fee for each exam. You may sit for one municipal and one industrial examination each scheduled exam day.
- Completing the Exam Application
 1. Please indicate if you are applying to take the exam to become a Wastewater Apprentice or a Certified Operator. A Wastewater Apprentice is defined as “a person who has successfully passed the commissioner’s wastewater treatment operator’s certification examination but has not fulfilled either the educational or experience requirements, or both, necessary to qualify to be a certified operator. A wastewater treatment apprentice shall not be designated as the certified operator in responsible charge of a wastewater treatment plant.” A Certified Operator is defined as “a person who has met the requirements of this rule and holds a current certificate and certification card for wastewater treatment.”
 2. Please indicate which exam(s) you wish to take and
 3. If you would be willing to accept a lower classification if you do not currently meet the education and experience requirements for your first choice.

Section I – Must be completed for all applicants. Please print all of the information requested in this section. Your home address is preferred. Indicate whether you have previously applied for wastewater certification. If yes, indicate the highest certification held and the certificate number.

Section II – Must be completed for certification applicants, optional for apprentice applicants. Indicate whether you are a high school graduate or hold a GED. If neither, circle the highest grade completed. If you do not hold a high school diploma or GED, you will be required to substitute work experience for the lacking high school education.

Section III - Must be completed for certification applicants, optional for apprentice applicants. List all wastewater treatment plant experience starting with your current position.

- Acceptable Experience

The definition of “acceptable experience” may be found in 327 IAC 5-22-3(1). “Acceptable experience” means employment in the actual *hands-on operation, maintenance, management, or supervision of a wastewater treatment plant*. *Acceptable experience shall be obtained under the supervision of a certified operator or by otherwise demonstrating to the commissioner that the applicant’s experience meets the requirements described in the rule.* Please refer to 327 IAC 5-22 to

determine the classification of your facility, amount and type of experience and education you need; and substitutions allowed.

Include all of the information requested. Please be specific. If your position title and job duties are not specific, credit will not be given. **If a portion of your duties do not meet the definition of acceptable experience, please estimate the percentage of your time (hours per week) spent in acceptable experience duties and note this on your application.*

Section IV – Optional for all apprentice applicants. Mandatory for Class III, IV, C and D certification applicants to complete; optional for other certification class applicants. List specific responsible charge duties. The definition of “responsible charge experience” may be found at 327 IAC 5-22-3(11): “Responsible charge operator” means the wastewater treatment certified operator who makes process control or system integrity decisions about the overall daily operation, maintenance, management, or supervision of a wastewater treatment plant necessary to meet the performance requirements and limits of the assigned permit and any applicable local ordinance or other regulatory requirements. The responsible charge operator must assure that written and electronic monitoring reports are prepared under his or her direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. The responsible charge operator certifies that, based on his or her inquiry of the persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the responsible charge operator, true, accurate, and complete.

Section V - Must be completed for all applicants. Please read the statement, sign and date the application.

Section VI - Must be completed for certification applicants, optional for apprentice applicants. This section must be completed by your supervisor.

Questions and Concerns:

If after reviewing the material on the WWC/CE Website you still have questions regarding the Wastewater Certification Program, please contact Rebecca McMonigle at rmcmonig(at)idem.in.gov, (317) 232-8791, or toll free 1-800-451-6027 ext. 28791.